FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Sanctions the appointment of nine registered Private Medical Practitioners to examine proposers in the Public Branch of the Mysore Government Life Insurance Department.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 3872-6—G. F. 209-37-2, dated 19th December 1938, sanctioning the resolution of the Insurance Committee to permit registered Private Medical Practitioners to examine proposers in the Public Branch and directing that the scheme be given effect to in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore for a period of three years, each individual selection being made with the approval of Government.

2. Letter No. Nil, dated 17th April 1939, from the Secretary, Mysore Government Life Insurance Department, requesting approval of Government to the recommendation of the Senior Surgeon for the appointment of the following registered Private Medical Practitioners to examine cases for insurance in the Public Branch under Rule 10 temporarily for a period of three years, the four Medical Graduates being allowed to examine proposals up to Rs. 5,000 and the others only up to Rs. 2,000.

Sl. No.	Name	Place	Qualifications
1	Dr. S. Rajan	Bangalore City ...	M. B. B. S.
2	,, H. Sharadamma	Do ...	L. M. P.
3	,, V. B. L. Narayan	Do ...	Do
4	,, N. G. Prahlad	Do ...	Do
5	,, Capt. Y. V. Iyya	Do ...	L. M. S. (Bombay)
6	,, B. V. Venkatesiah	Do ...	M. B. B. S.
7	,, K. Rama Rao	Do ...	B. Sc., M. B. B. S.
8	,, N. Sanjeeva Rao	Mysore City ...	L. M. P.
9	,, A. J. Ram	Do ...	Do

ORDER NO. FL. 7191-4—G. F. 308-38-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 4TH MAY 1939.

Sanctioned.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

Formation of a new Irrigation Development Fund for financing large irrigation works of a protective character.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 7714-63—G. F. 149-28-1, dated 19th April 1929, fixing the Government grant from General Revenues for Irrigation Works at Rs. 10 lakhs per annum from the year 1929-30

ORDER NO. FL. 7440-96—G. F. 324-38-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH MAY 1939.

In the pursuit of an active policy of restoration, conservation and improvement of the existing sources of irrigation in the State and with a view to securing continuous attention towards the construction of irrigation works and the restoration of tanks in the State, Government sanctioned, in their order read above, the provision of an increased annual grant from General Revenues towards irrigation works, which, together with the interest income on the Famine Insurance Fund, would secure a minimum annual contribution of Rs. 10 lakhs towards this class of expenditure, with effect from the year 1929-30. It was also laid down therein that, after meeting the requirements on account of the restoration work and the establishment charges each year, the balance of this grant, together with the contributions from the Irrigation Capital Reserve, the Irrigation Cess Fund and other sources, should be made available for expenditure on new works of construction.

Accordingly, they provided for expenditure on irrigation works an allotment of not less than the minimum limit of Rs. 10 lakhs every year, in spite of the very great strain on the annual revenue and capital budgets of Government during the financial and economic depression in 1930-31 and in later years. With the working out of the balances held in the Irrigation Development Reserve and the Irrigation Cess Fund, the burden of all expenditure on irrigation works of a protective character has fallen on the General Revenues.

2. It has, however, been the case that the restoration of tanks and the repairs of old irrigation works require a much larger grant than is being provided at present and it has not been found practicable in consequence to undertake the financing of new works of magnitude from the grant under "23. Irrigation". The imperative need for finding additional resources to meet the expanding demand for expenditure on this account has not diminished and Government consider it necessary to explore the possibility of finding additional funds for meeting the cost of large irrigation works (costing Rs. 1 lakh and above) of the type referred to. They are accordingly pleased to direct that a new Fund head "Irrigation Development Fund" be opened in the Budget and Accounts of the State, with an initial contribution of Rs. 28 lakhs, and that besides this initial contribution, the water rate and contribution recovered each year in respect of irrigation works financed from the Revenue Account be also credited to the Fund head.

3. The list of works to be financed from this fund will be specified by Government from time to time.

4. The initial contribution of Rs. 28 lakhs will be obtained by transferring Rs. 8 lakhs from the "Special Reserve for Non-recurring Expenditure" and Rs. 20 lakhs from the "Famine Insurance Fund". The Famine Insurance Fund has been in existence for more than 30 years, and has at present got a credit balance of about Rs. 62 lakhs, and Government consider that the transfer of Rs. 20 lakhs from this fund for financing irrigation works of a protective character is quite justified, particularly when it is remembered that the construction of such tanks is proposed to be undertaken largely in places which are subject to recurrent drought. At the same time, Government desire that the balance in the Famine Insurance Fund should be restored to the present level of Rs. 62 lakhs as early as possible and for this purpose, the interest on the Famine Insurance Fund investments, which is now taken over to the Revenue Account, will not be credited to the Revenue Account in future but will be credited to the Famine Insurance Fund itself.

5. The Comptroller is requested to issue necessary instructions regarding the accounting procedure to be followed.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Approves of the Triennial Programme of Restoration of Major and Minor Tanks in the State for the years 1939-40, 1940-41 and 1941-42.

READ—

Government Order No. 724-741, dated the 17th October 1926, approving of the programme of tank restoration works for the year 1926-27 and for the next three years.

2. Correspondence ending with letters Nos. 535 and 1234, dated the 12th October 1938 and 8th November 1938, respectively, from the Superintending Engineers of Shimoga and Mysore Circles, submitting the programmes of restoration of major and minor tanks pertaining to the several Divisions of their Circles for the next three years, *i.e.*, 1939-40, 1940-41 and 1941-42.

ORDER No. P. W. 3512-37—8, DATED BANGALORE, THE 28TH APRIL 1939.

In the course of the discussions at the Budget Session of the Legislative Council held in June 1938, it was promised by Government that the programmes